

give advice, *e.g.*, rail-road, co-ordination, research institutes, major projects, etc.;

- (e) all matters in respect of which the State Governments act as agents of the Government of India, though the details are left to be worked out by the State Government as such agents, *e.g.*, grow more food or food control policy ;

are admissible.

As regards the admissibility of questions relating to statutory corporations and other autonomous bodies, the following general principles have been laid down by Mr. Speaker Ayyangar :

- (i) Where a question relates to matter of policy, or refers to an act or omission of an action on the part of a Minister, or raises a matter of public interest although seemingly it may pertain to a matter of day-to-day administration of an individual case it is ordinarily admitted for oral answer.
- (ii) A question which calls for information of statistical or descriptive nature is generally admitted as unstarred.
- (iii) Questions which clearly relate to day-to-day administration and tend to throw work on the Ministries and the corporations incommensurate with the results to be obtained therefrom are normally disallowed.

Besides a convention has been set up in Central Legislature whereby information in respect of the working of the Statutory Corporations and limited companies in which the Government have financial or controlling interest may be obtained by the members direct from the corporations or the companies concerned. For this purpose the Ministries have issued directions to statutory bodies and limited companies functioning under them to supply the requisite information to the members directly.

In the light of what is mentioned above, it is seen that the body which carries the responsibilities of supplying water is primarily responsible also to the State Government and it is a matter which is the concern of the Government to see duties so entrusted are carried out. In this case supply of protected water is well within the scope of the principles governing the admissibility of questions in this House, and was rightly admitted and answered. The point of order raised is accordingly answered.

Estimates Committee—Election Results announced.

MR. SPEAKER.—I have to inform the House that, in connection with the election to the Estimates Committee, as the number of candidates is equal to the number of seats to be filled in, the following members are declared elected and consequently there will be no election in this behalf :

Smt. Annapurnabai Ragate
Sriyuts :

A. G. Bandi Gowda
K. P. Gadag
A. Krishna Shetty
Kundur Rudrapa
E. Narayana Gowda
D. Parameswarappa
S. Siddiah
Sirasappa Ijari
M. Srinivasa Naik
S. Subbayya Naik
G. A. Thimmappa Gowda.

Business of the House.

MR. SPEAKER.—With regard to the work that we are about to embark upon, some representations have been received by me that if possible the House might adjourn today at 5 o'clock so that the members who are desirous of attending the Seminar might have the chance to attend. I would like to know the sense of the House whether we can adjust our work and try to adjourn at 5 o'clock today.